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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Richter et al.
Serial No.: 10/811,166
Filed: March 26, 2004
For: BAND CLAMP
Art Unit: 3679
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Customer No. 27,623

Attorney Docket: 1825.005USX

**Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment and a Supplemental Application Data Sheet in response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be **\$1,020.00** to extend the time for filing this response until **July 19, 2005**.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	31	Minus	33	0	x \$50.00	\$0
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$0		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

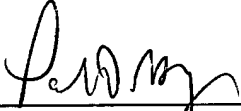
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$1,020.00.

X A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

July 19, 2005



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON JULY 19, 2005.

Edward McMahon
NAME



SIGNATURE

July 19, 2005
DATE



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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2005, the period for response having been extended three months up to and including July 19, 2005, Applicants respond as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.